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<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

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Claim 1. (currently amended) A <u>lung specific gene (LSG)</u> comprising:

- (a) a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 or a variant thereof;
- (b) a polypeptide expressed by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 or a variant thereof; or
- (c) a polynucleotide which is capable of hybridizing with 97% identity to SEO ID NO: 12 and which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38.
- Claim 2. (currently amended) The <u>lung specific gene (LSG)</u> of claim 1 wherein the polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, or 56.

Claims 3-16 (canceled).